

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION WITH CIB

1. Considering only the U.S. for the moment, is an RF officer responsible for knowing whether the organization for which aid is recommended is on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations? Would such listing require declination?
2. If the organization in question is not now on the Attorney General's list, is the recommending officer responsible for a judgment as to whether it is likely to be declared subversive at a later date, e.g. because of obvious communist control or because of a degree of infiltration which presents a substantial risk of communist manipulation?
3. In the case of aid for a project under the direction of an individual to be assisted through an otherwise reputable institution, e.g. a professor at a university such as Columbia, is the recommending officer responsible for ascertaining whether the individual in question has affiliations with subversive organizations according to the public record? Or is this entirely the responsibility of the requesting institution? What responsibility is there, if any, to go beyond the public record? In the case of individuals as in the case of organizations, what is the proper officer attitude towards borderline cases? How many organizations declared "subversive" does a man have to have been member of to be ineligible for support?
4. If the officers have any of the above responsibilities, what steps should they take to secure the necessary information on which to make decisions? How fully must they consult official sources? Unofficial sources? Should the opinion of the staff of the McCarran Committee be sought? The files of Counterattack? Anti-communists such as Budenz, William Henry Chamberlin, Eugene Lyon, or Kravchenko? Is each division responsible for developing its sources of information, or should the RF have in Central Administration an officer responsible for maintaining files and liaison on security matters?
5. Can we properly affirm that our past procedures have been adequate? If not, should new procedures be adopted? If new procedures are to be adopted, should this fact be reported to the McCarran Committee or its staff?
6. How should these same queries be applied to our foreign operations?
7. In all of this, how can the maintenance of the confidence of the public and the government best be reconciled with the maintenance of the independence of government, which is essential to the RF's pattern of operation, and maintenance of the responsibility of the Trustees to decide what they believe to be in the interest of the well-being of mankind throughout the world?

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